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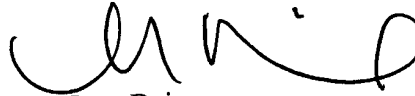
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The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A-B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of references 0398-0503 are enclosed. In accordance with the USPTO waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, applicant has not submitted copies of references 0001-0397. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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